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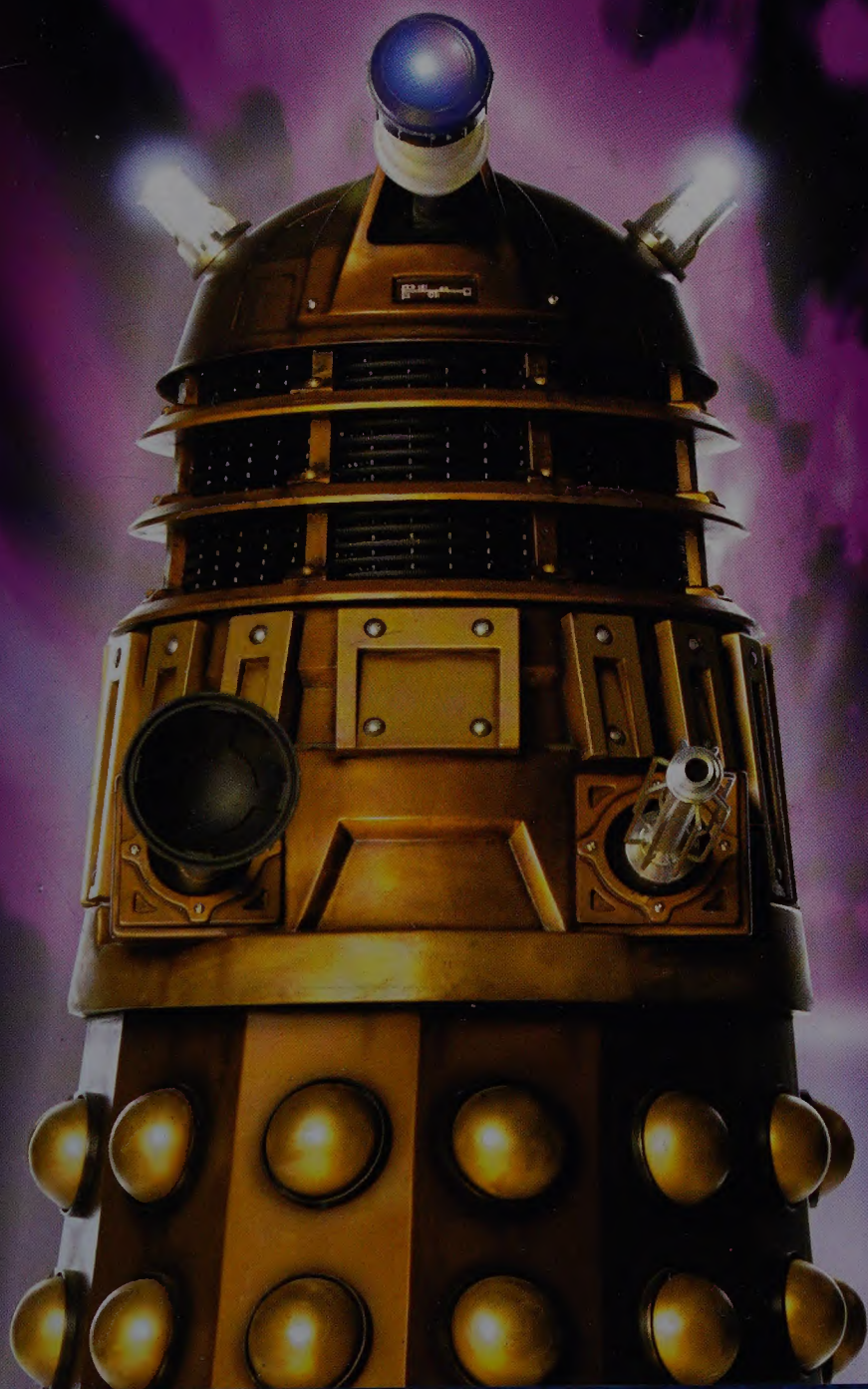
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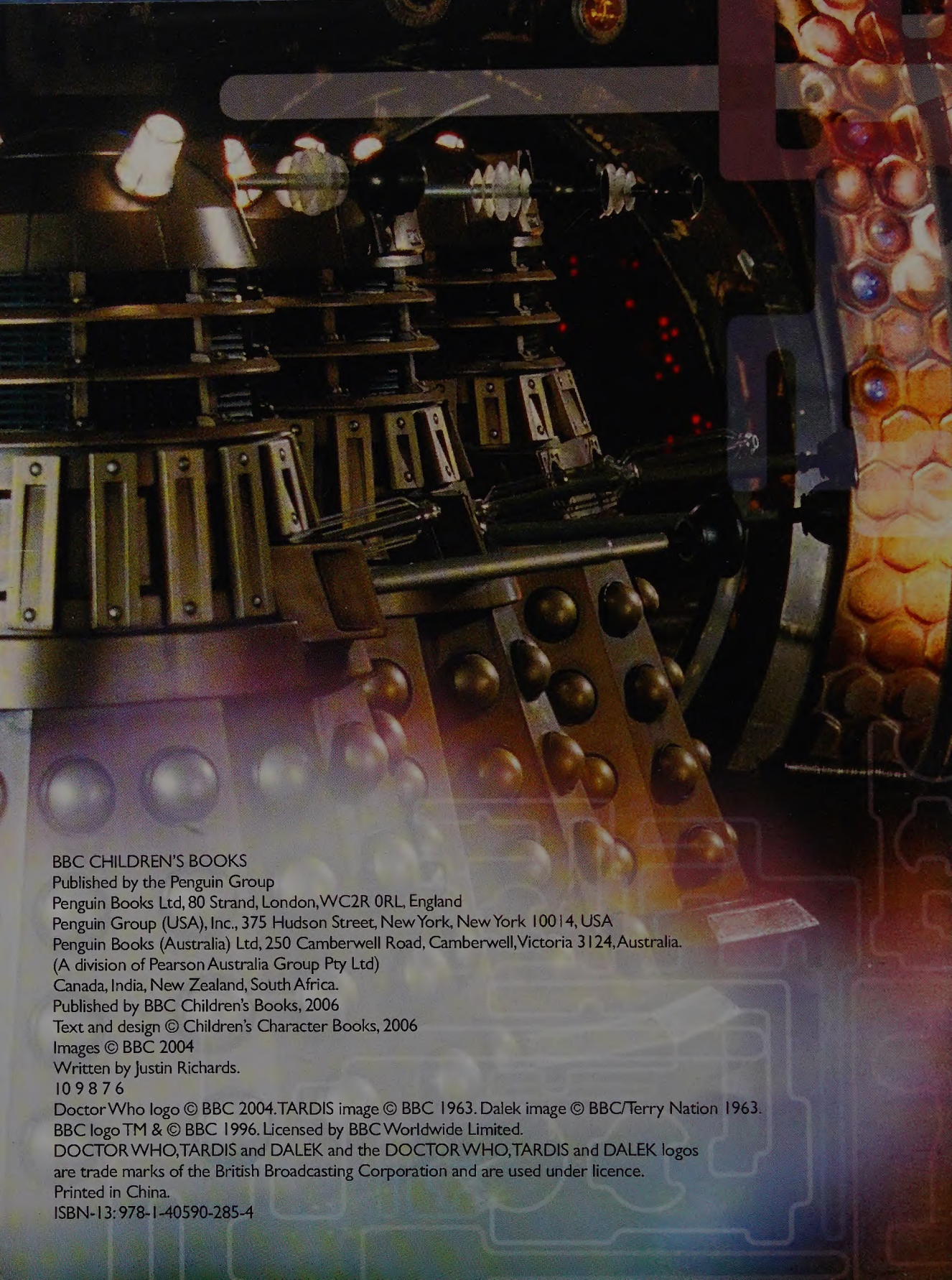




A dramatic, low-angle shot of three Daleks from the Doctor Who series. The Daleks are positioned in a row, with the central one being the largest and most prominent. They are constructed from a metallic, segmented body with a dome-shaped head. Each head features a single, glowing blue eye lens. The background is a complex, geometric structure with white lines forming a triangular pattern against a dark, blue and purple sky. The lighting is dramatic, with bright highlights on the Daleks' bodies and the background, creating a sense of depth and intensity. The overall color palette is dominated by blues, purples, and the metallic gold of the Daleks.

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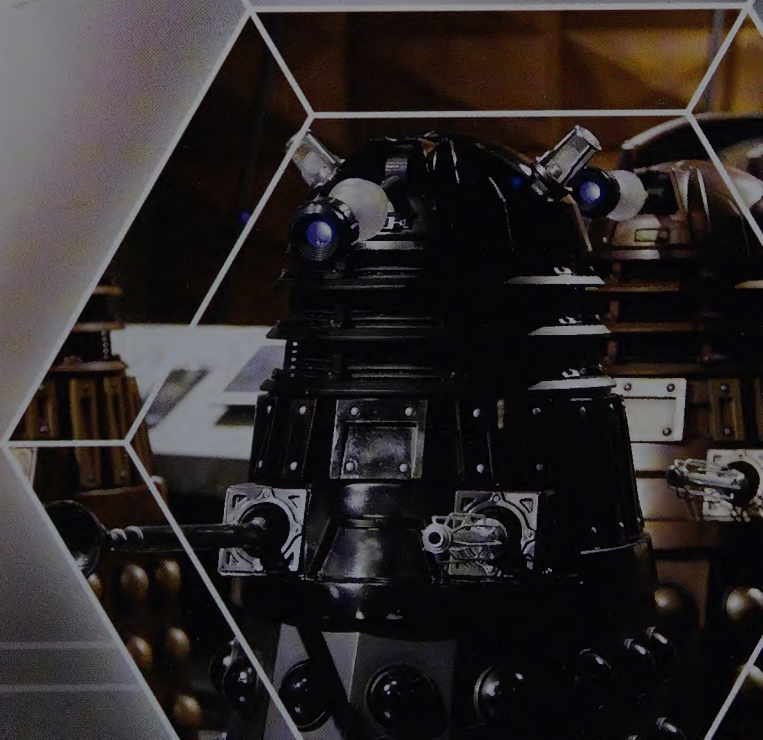
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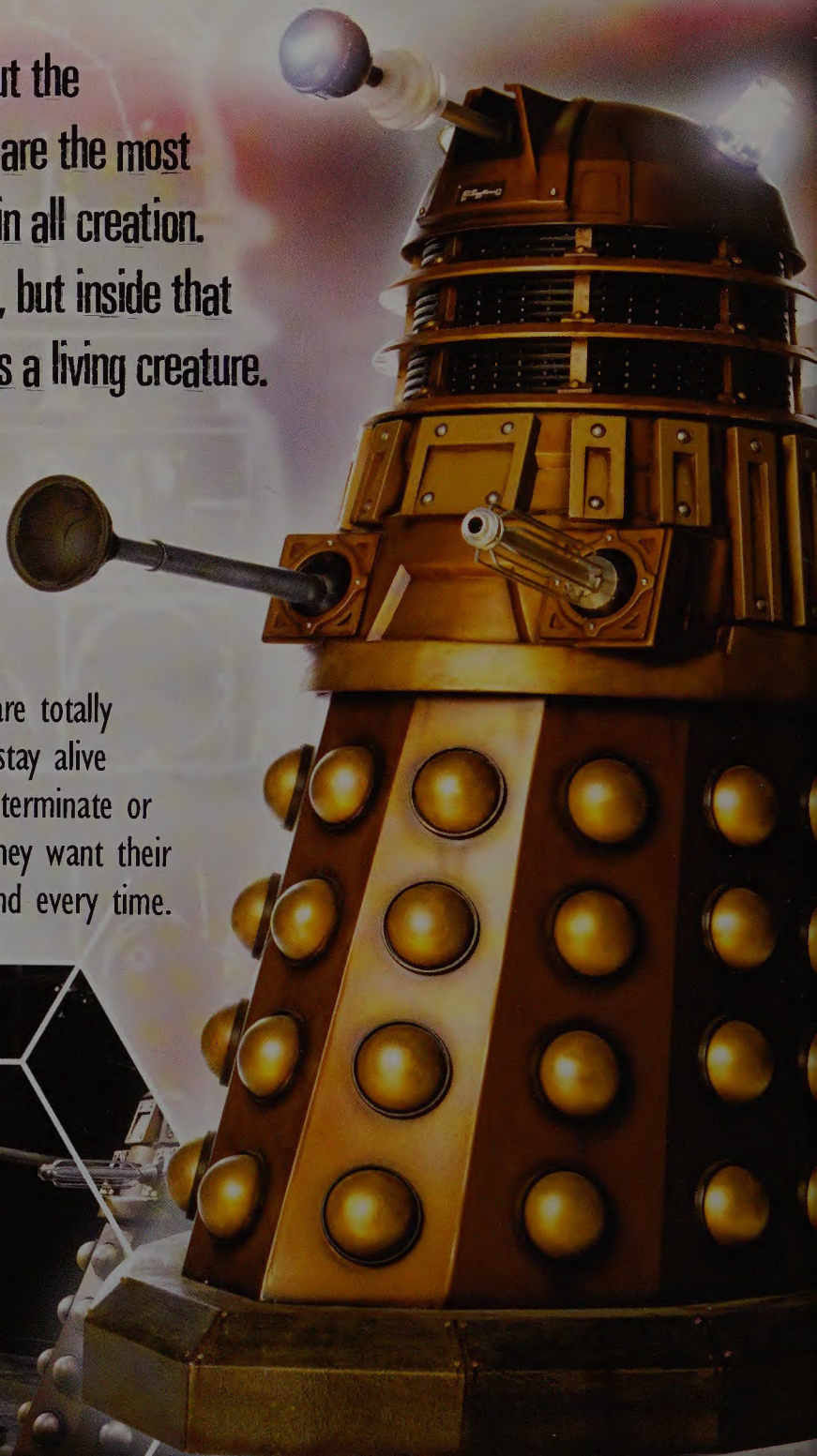
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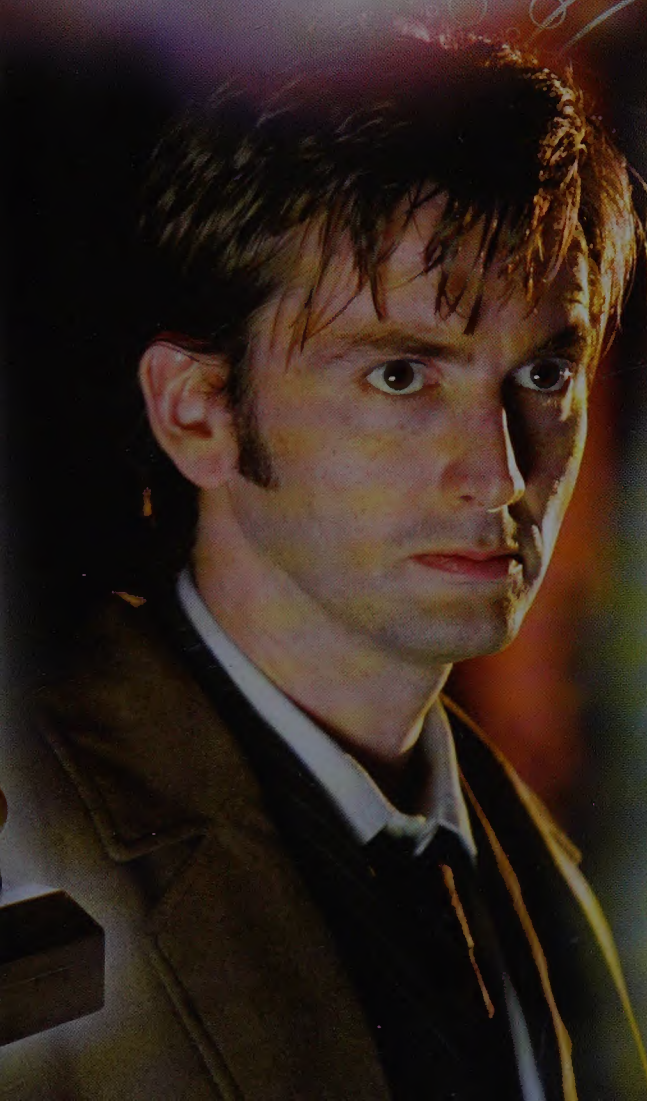
Hated and feared throughout the whole universe, the Daleks are the most ruthless and evil creatures in all creation. They might look like robots, but inside that protective, armoured shell is a living creature.

The Daleks were once like us, but after a thousand year war with their enemies the Thals on their home planet Skaro, they mutated and changed into grotesque, ugly beings that are totally dependent on their machines to stay alive and move. Now they want to exterminate or conquer every other life form. They want their empire to include every planet and every time.





The Dalek casing is an awesome war machine as well as a life-support system. It provides the Dalek creature inside with armoured protection, sensory information like sight and hearing, powerful weaponry, and even the ability to levitate and fly. The Dalek's force field can stop bullets and energy blasts.



The Daleks are so dangerous and evil that the Doctor's own people, the Time Lords, tried to go back to before their creation and stop them ever existing. As a result, the Daleks and the Time Lords have been the deadliest of enemies and fought a great Time War in which both sides seemed to have been wiped out.

But the Daleks survived, and they are out to exterminate everyone and everything. Especially their greatest enemy, the last of the Time Lords: the Doctor.



Name: Daleks

Species: Mutated humanoid inside battle casing

Height: 1.68m (5'6")

Home planet: Skaro

Weaponry: Ruby-ray blaster

Protection: Armoured casing and force field

Construction: Dalekenium casing

Power source: Static electricity

Leader: The Emperor Dalek

Battle cry: 'Exterminate!'







Luminosity dischargers

Eyestalk

Power slats

Identification
symbol

Sucker arm for
manipulation

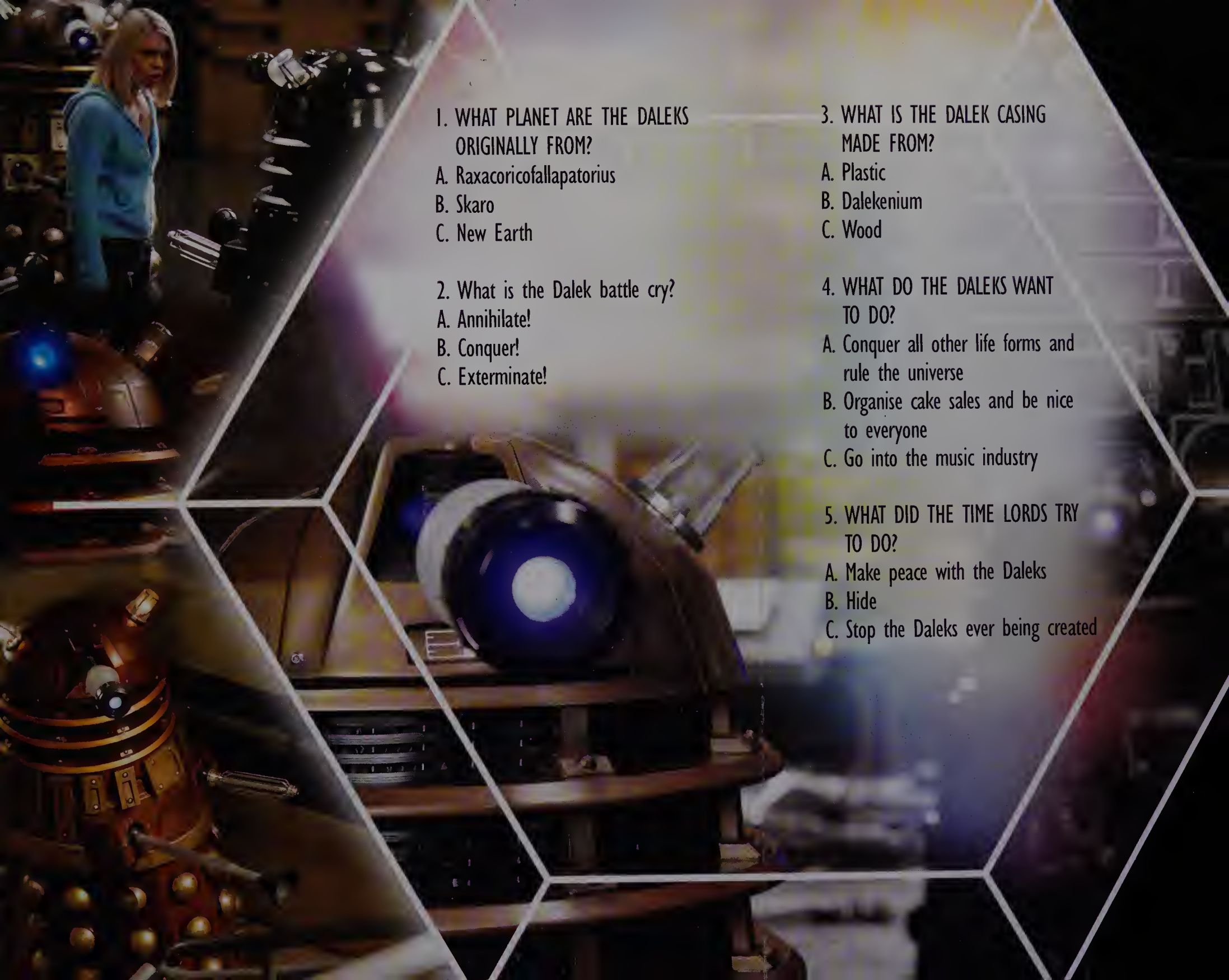
Ruby ray weaponry

Sense globes





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1. WHAT PLANET ARE THE DALEKS
ORIGINALLY FROM?

- A. Raxacoricofallapatorius
- B. Skaro
- C. New Earth

2. What is the Dalek battle cry?

- A. Annihilate!
- B. Conquer!
- C. Exterminate!

3. WHAT IS THE DALEK CASING
MADE FROM?

- A. Plastic
- B. Dalekenium
- C. Wood

4. WHAT DO THE DALEKS WANT
TO DO?

- A. Conquer all other life forms and
rule the universe
- B. Organise cake sales and be nice
to everyone
- C. Go into the music industry

5. WHAT DID THE TIME LORDS TRY
TO DO?

- A. Make peace with the Daleks
- B. Hide
- C. Stop the Daleks ever being created



THE EMPEROR DALEK

The Doctor believed that all the Daleks had been destroyed in the Great Time War, and that he was the only survivor. But then he discovered a single Dalek held captive on Earth. Even this did not prepare him for the terrible truth. In the year 200,100 he discovered a whole fleet of Dalek spaceships. Half a million new Daleks were preparing to invade Earth, and they were led by another survivor of the Time War — the Dalek Emperor.



The Emperor had survived, and slowly built up a new army of Daleks by converting humans kidnapped from a space station — the Game Station.

But the Emperor and his army were not the only Dalek survivors...



THE GAME STATION

Satellite Five was the main news station for Earth, broadcasting 600 channels of constant news reports. The Daleks worked secretly with the Mighty Jagraffess to manipulate the media so that the satellite broadcasted what they wanted.



A hundred years after the Doctor destroyed the Jagraffess, Satellite Five became the Game Station, and the Daleks were still secretly in control. They used the unpleasant game shows to teleport humans to the Dalek fleet, to be converted into Daleks.

The games were run by the Controller. She has been linked into the computer system since she was a little girl, and every broadcast was channelled through her brain. But she knew the Daleks were evil, and betrayed them. She managed to bring the Doctor to the Game Station, knowing that he would fight and defeat the Daleks.





TORCHWOOD

Queen Victoria set up the Torchwood Institute in 1879. She wanted an organisation that would combat alien invaders and use captured alien technology to keep the British Empire in power. Today, Torchwood still exists — its headquarters are in Canary Wharf, in London.

Of course, Torchwood would never knowingly help the Daleks. But with their motto 'If it's alien it's ours' they collect all sorts of alien devices and ships. One thing they collected was a huge sphere, and they tried to discover its secrets. But the sphere was a Dalek Void Ship — a spaceship designed to travel through the empty space between parallel worlds and universes. Without knowing it, Torchwood provided the ship with the power it needed...



THE CULT OF SKARO

Before the Great Time War, the Daleks set up a secret order whose job was to think the unthinkable — to dare to *imagine*. More important even than the Dalek Emperor, the Cult of Skaro was made up of four Daleks who tried to think like the enemy, to get inside enemy minds and predict their strategies, so as to give the Daleks an advantage in their wars. These Daleks even had names. They were called Thay, Sec, Rabe and Caan. It was all part of becoming enough like the enemy to predict and counter their actions.

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1. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE LEADER OF THE DALEKS?
 - A. The Emperor Dalek
 - B. The Mighty Jagrafess
 - C. Gerald
2. WHAT DID THE DALEKS CONVERT INTO NEW DALEKS?
 - A. Antimatter
 - B. The Mighty Jagrafess
 - C. Kidnapped human beings
3. WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE WAR IN WHICH THE DALEKS WERE ALMOST WIPED OUT?
 - A. Space War One
 - B. The Great Time War
 - C. The War of the Daleks
4. WHO SET UP THE TORCHWOOD INSTITUTE?
 - A. The Daleks
 - B. Queen Victoria
 - C. Abraham Lincoln

5. WHAT MADE THE DALEKS OF THE CULT OF SKARO DIFFERENT?
 - A. They had names
 - B. They were all pink in colour
 - C. They liked to play trains



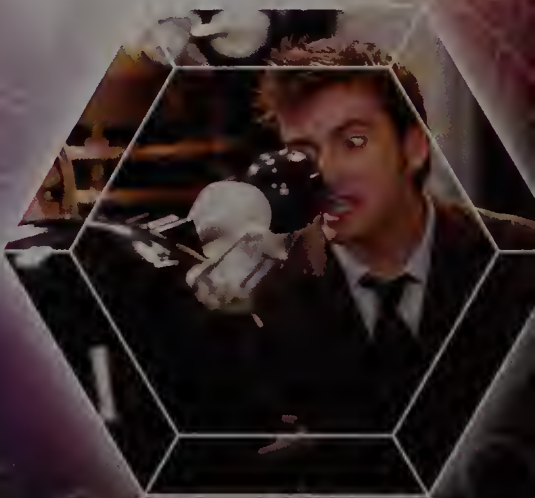
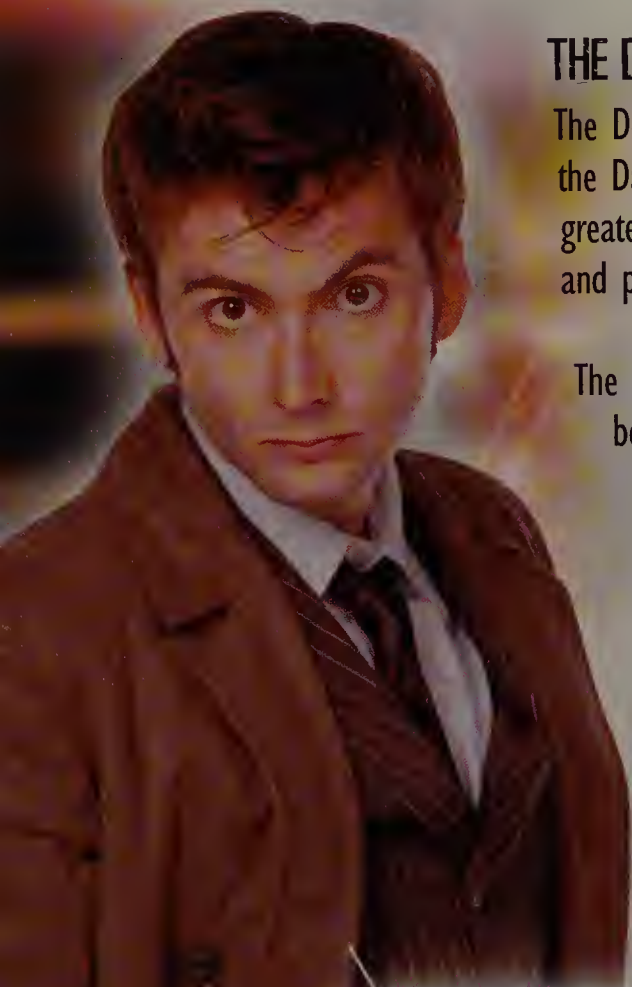


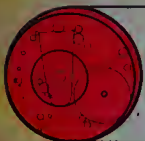
THE DOCTOR

The Doctor is the last of the Time Lords — the race that the Daleks fought in the Great Time War. He is their greatest enemy and has defeated them in many times and places.

The Doctor can change his appearance. When his body is worn out or damaged he can change into a new one. Travelling through space and time in his TARDIS and with the help of various companions, the Doctor fights against evil and injustice.

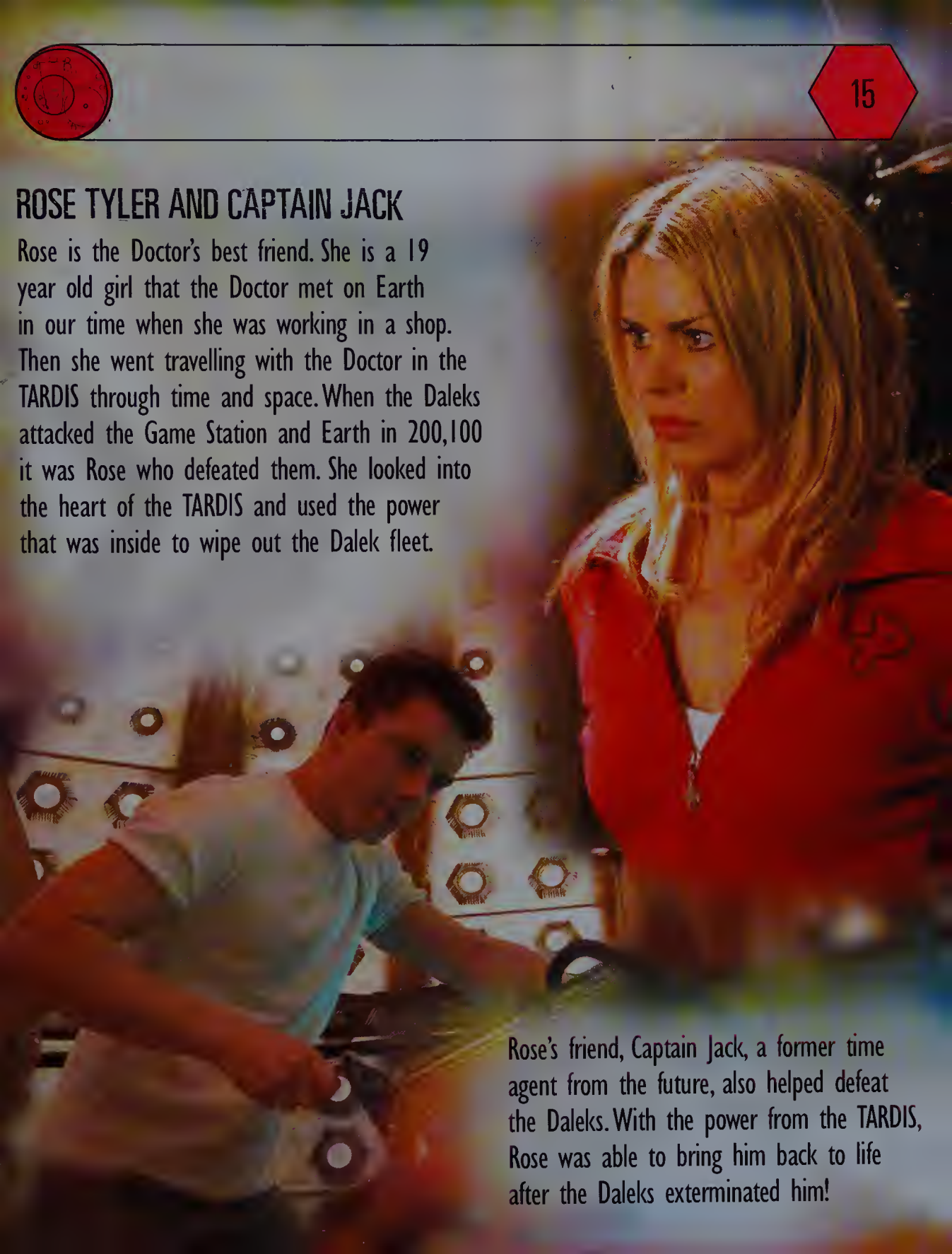
That makes the Daleks his number one enemy. When he was forced to change after defeating the Daleks on the Game Station, he must have known it would not be long before he had to fight them again...





ROSE TYLER AND CAPTAIN JACK

Rose is the Doctor's best friend. She is a 19 year old girl that the Doctor met on Earth in our time when she was working in a shop. Then she went travelling with the Doctor in the TARDIS through time and space. When the Daleks attacked the Game Station and Earth in 200,100 it was Rose who defeated them. She looked into the heart of the TARDIS and used the power that was inside to wipe out the Dalek fleet.



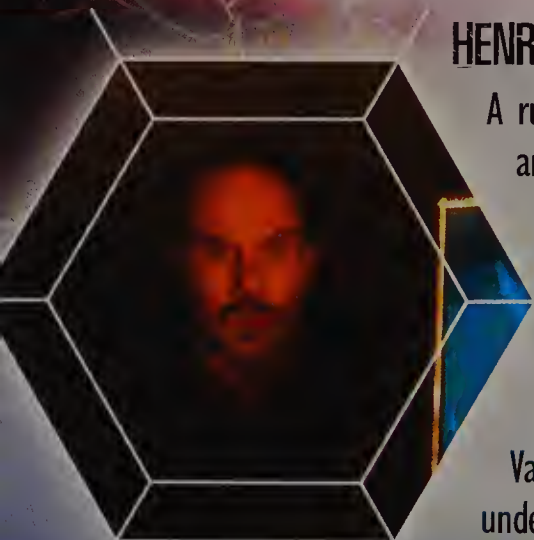
Rose's friend, Captain Jack, a former time agent from the future, also helped defeat the Daleks. With the power from the TARDIS, Rose was able to bring him back to life after the Daleks exterminated him!

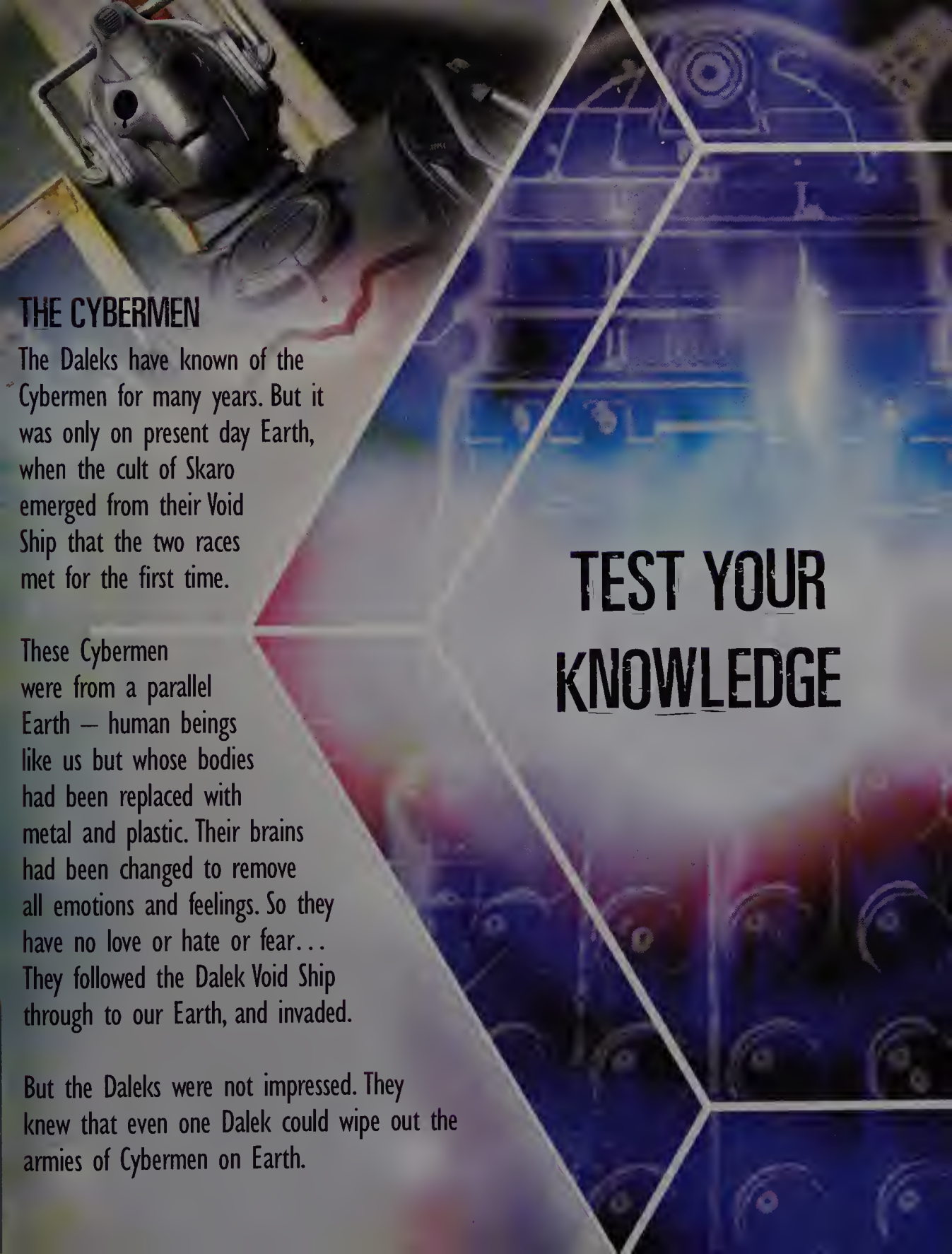


HENRY VAN STATTEN

A ruthless multi-millionaire, Henry Van Statten collected anything alien he could find. And his most treasured item was an alien he called a 'Metaltron', which was discovered in a crater in the USA after it fell to Earth.

He didn't know that his 'Metaltron' was really a Dalek and had been torturing it to try to make it talk. Van Statten kept the Dalek chained up in a cell deep underground. But the Dalek was just waiting for a chance to escape and exterminate everyone. It got that chance after the Doctor and Rose arrived...





THE CYBERMEN

The Daleks have known of the Cybermen for many years. But it was only on present day Earth, when the cult of Skaro emerged from their Void Ship that the two races met for the first time.

These Cybermen were from a parallel Earth — human beings like us but whose bodies had been replaced with metal and plastic. Their brains had been changed to remove all emotions and feelings. So they have no love or hate or fear... They followed the Dalek Void Ship through to our Earth, and invaded.

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1. WHAT CAN THE DOCTOR DO WHEN HIS BODY WEARS OUT OR IS DAMAGED?

- A. He can go to Time Lord hospital
- B. He can change his body into a new one
- C. He can pass on his knowledge to a friend or relative

2. HOW DID ROSE TYLER DEFEAT THE DALEKS IN 200,100?

- A. She used the power at the heart of the Doctor's TARDIS
- B. She told them to go away
- C. She invented an anti-Dalek neutraliser ray



3. WHAT DID HENRY VAN STATTEN COLLECT?

- A. Stamps
- B. Alien artefacts
- C. Coins from the Roman Empire

4. WHAT DID HENRY VAN STATTEN CALL HIS CAPTIVE DALEK?

- A. Galactus
- B. Malcolm
- C. Metaltron

5. HOW MANY DALEKS ARE NEEDED TO ATTACK AN ARMY OF CYBERMEN?

- A. Only a dozen
- B. A mere hundred
- C. Just one

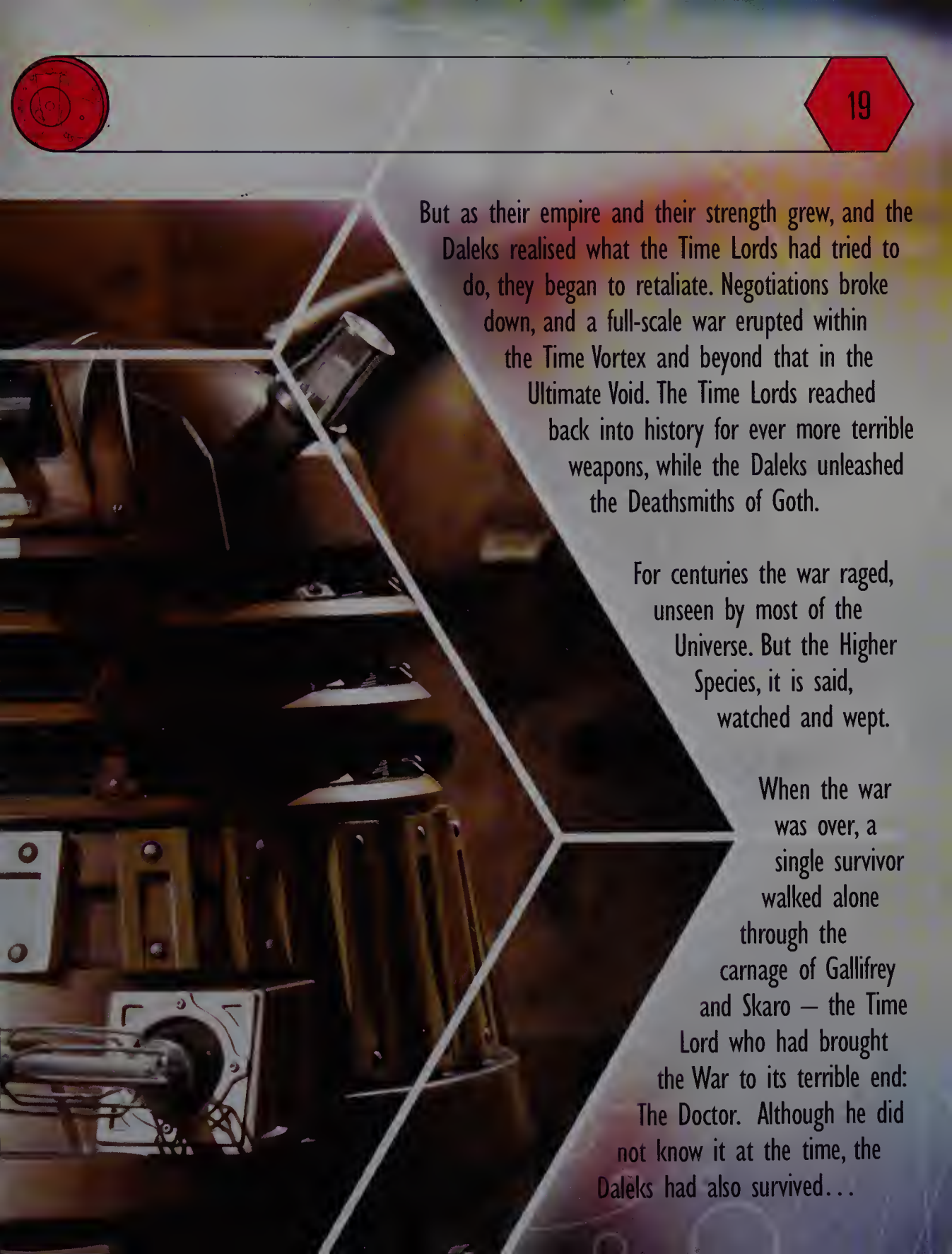
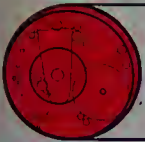


THE GREAT TIME WAR

Long ago, the Time Lords of the planet Gallifrey tried to prevent the Daleks from ever existing by sending the Doctor back in time to stop them being created.

Although the Doctor failed, he knew that many future races would become allies, not enemies, because of their shared fear of their common enemy; the Daleks.





But as their empire and their strength grew, and the Daleks realised what the Time Lords had tried to do, they began to retaliate. Negotiations broke down, and a full-scale war erupted within the Time Vortex and beyond that in the Ultimate Void. The Time Lords reached back into history for ever more terrible weapons, while the Daleks unleashed the Deathsmiths of Goth.

For centuries the war raged, unseen by most of the Universe. But the Higher Species, it is said, watched and wept.

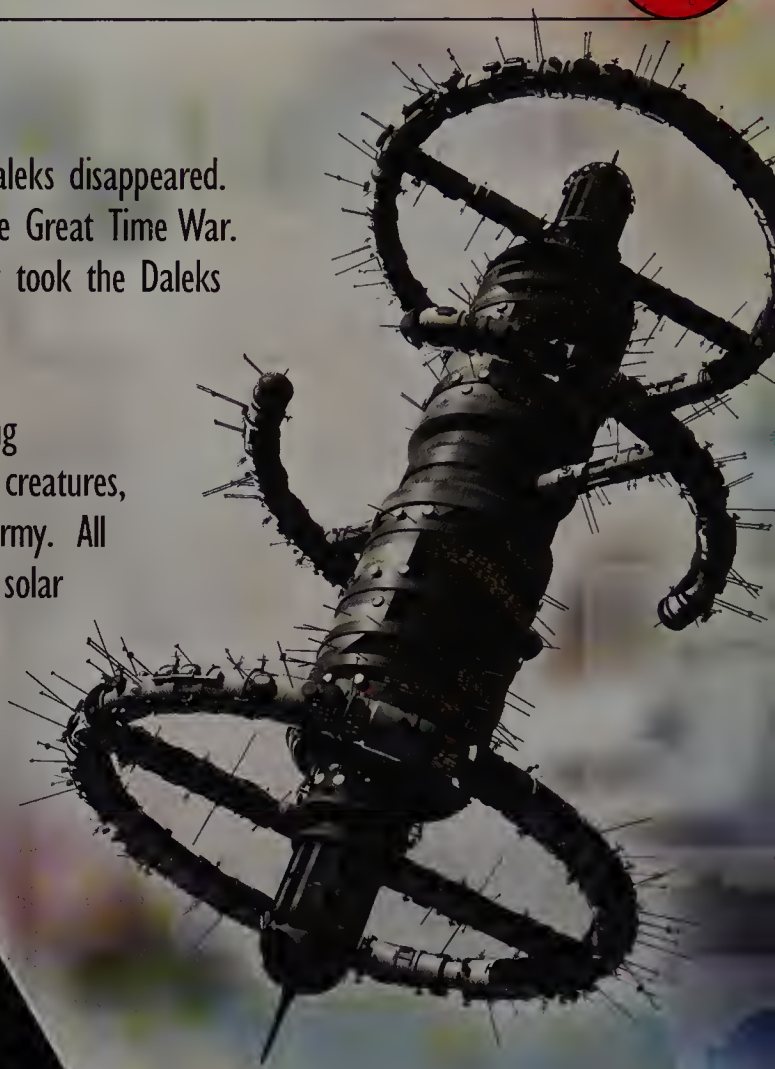
When the war was over, a single survivor walked alone through the carnage of Gallifrey and Skaro — the Time Lord who had brought the War to its terrible end: The Doctor. Although he did not know it at the time, the Daleks had also survived...



DALEK SURVIVAL

After the Tenth Dalek Occupation, the Daleks disappeared. They were fighting the Time Lords in the Great Time War. The Time Lords were destroyed, but they took the Daleks with them — or so they thought.

In fact, the Dalek Emperor survived. Using kidnapped humans to create new Dalek creatures, he slowly built up an enormous Dalek army. All the time, the Daleks were hiding in our solar system, and manipulating events through their agents on Satellite Five and later the Game Station.



After Rose Tyler destroyed the Dalek Emperor and his fleet, it seemed that once again the Daleks were gone. But other Daleks had survived. The so-called Cult of Skaro, a group of four very special Daleks, had hidden away in the void between universes. When they were ready, their Void Ship appeared on Earth in the 21st century and the Daleks emerged.





They brought with them the Genesis Ark — a large casket that contained the future of the Dalek race and the means of its survival. Battling against the Doctor and his friends and millions of Cybermen, the Daleks were still able to open the Genesis Ark.

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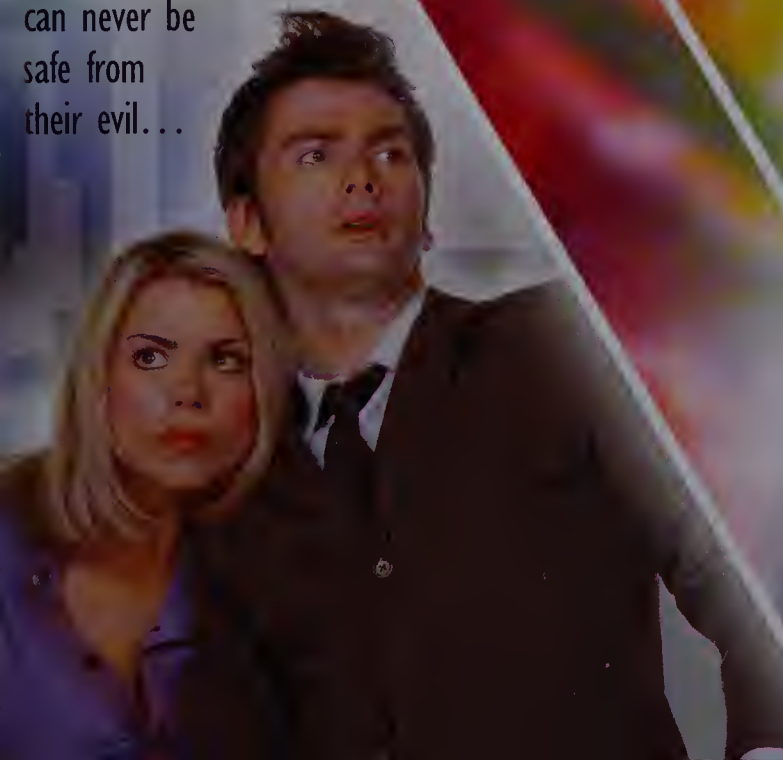


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1. WHAT DID THE TIME LORDS TRY TO DO TO THE DALEKS?

- A. Destroy their Emperor
- B. Prevent them from ever existing
- C. Lock them up on a prison space station

2. WHO WAS THE AGENT THE TIME LORDS SENT TO CHANGE HISTORY?

- A. The Doctor
- B. Rose Tyler
- C. Captain Jack

3. WHAT DID THE DALEKS DO ONCE THEY WERE POWERFUL ENOUGH?

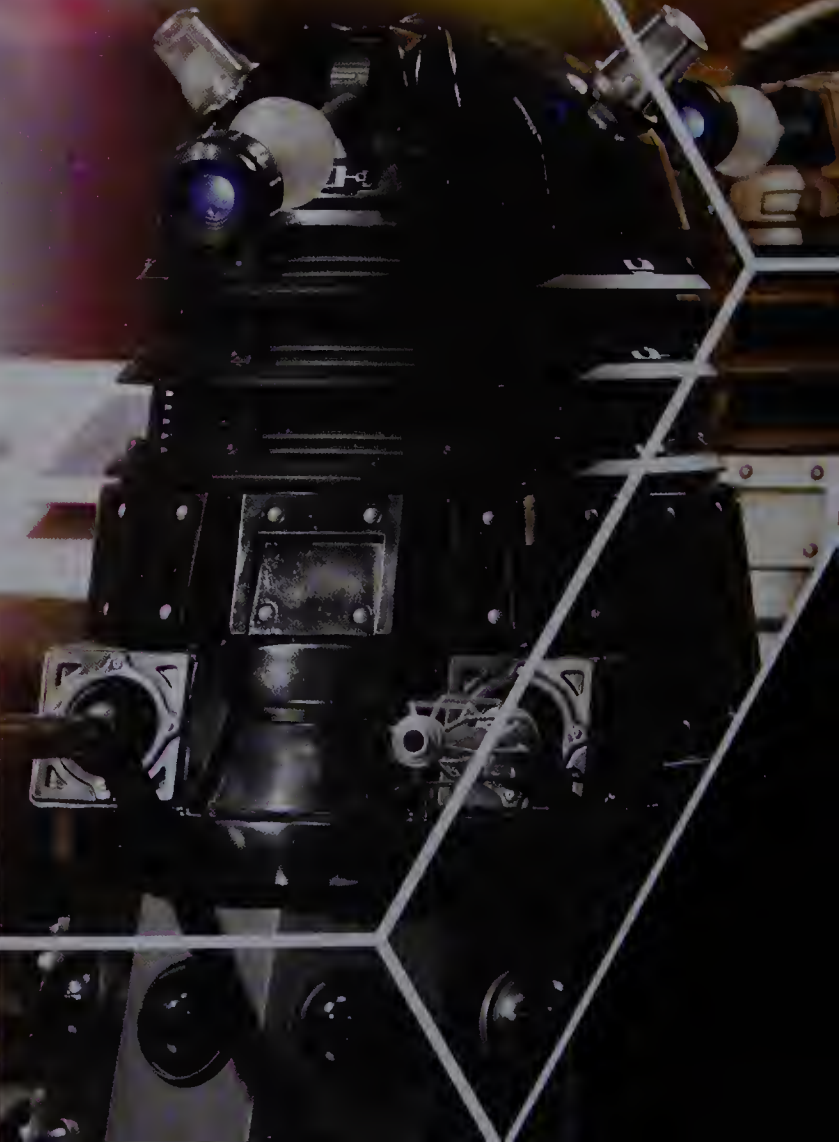
- A. They negotiated for peace
- B. They retaliated
- C. They forgot all about it

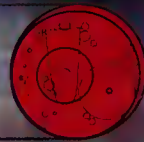
4. WHEN DID THE DALEKS DISAPPEAR FROM THE UNIVERSE?

- A. At 7 o'clock on a Saturday evening
- B. When the Time Lords landed on Skaro
- C. After the Tenth Dalek Occupation

5. WHERE DID THE CULT OF SKARO HIDE TO ESCAPE BEING DESTROYED IN THE TIME WAR?

- A. In the dark space at the edge of our solar system
- B. In the void between universes
- C. Behind the sofa





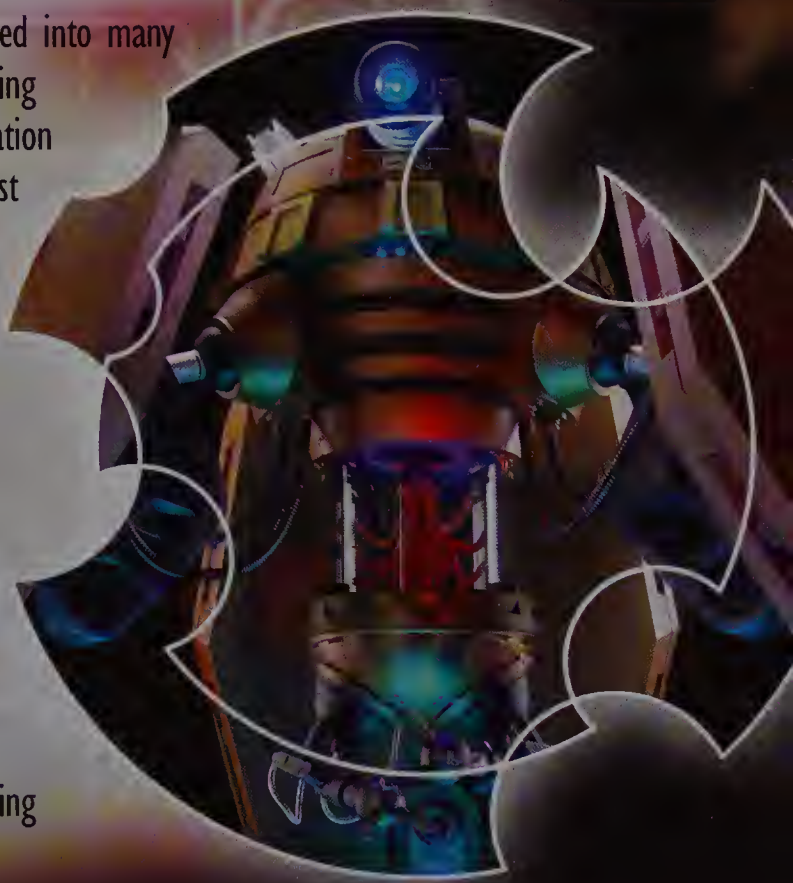
DALEK SPACE SAUCERS

The Dalek fleet that attacked the Game Station was made up of 200 ships. Shaped like upturned saucers, each ship can carry an army of 2,000 Daleks ready to disembark and form an attack force at any time. The Dalek saucers are powered by vast, incredibly powerful anti-gravity engines that spin them through space at great speed, and they can hide from detection using a transmitted signal that masks their presence.



The interior of the Dalek saucers is divided into many separate floors, with a central shaft running down the middle. Daleks use their levitation abilities to move between floors. The vast and impressive Dalek Emperor is housed in the central area of their flagship. It also has compartments where kidnapped humans can be kept until they are needed.

Like Daleks, the ships are protected by force fields, and are armed with impressive weaponry, including target-seeking missiles, which home in their prey using a thronic aura beam, and explode with more power than an erupting volcano.

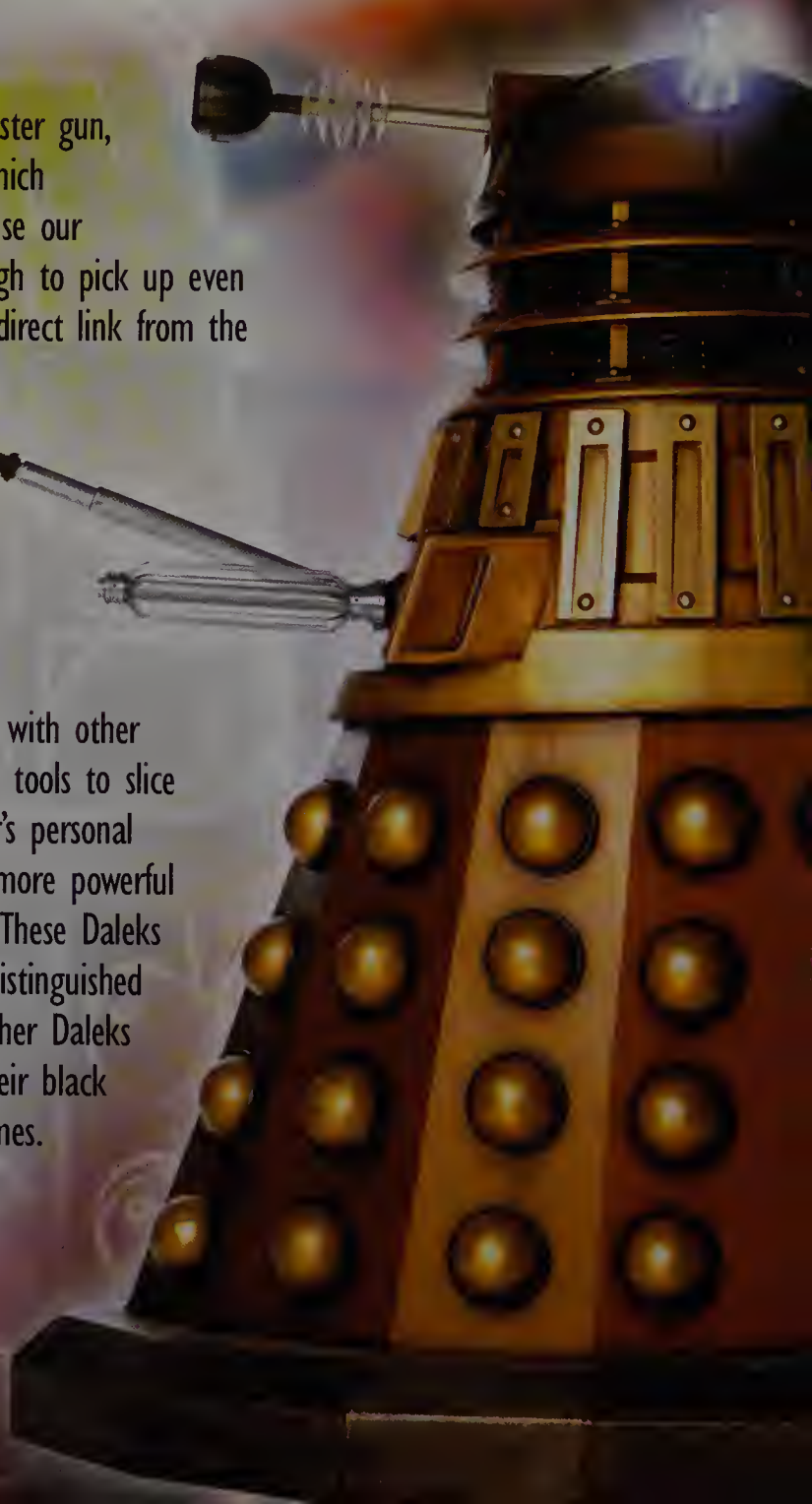




TOOL ATTACHMENTS

As well as a standard ruby ray blaster gun, most Daleks have a sucker arm, which they use in the same way as we use our hands. The sucker is flexible enough to pick up even small, delicate objects. There is a direct link from the sucker to the Dalek control systems, so it can use this attachment to decode a numeric keypad and open a locked door, or to absorb information from people's brains.

These suckers can also be replaced with other attachments, such as special cutting tools to slice through metal doors. The Emperor's personal guard Daleks have a second, even more powerful blaster gun. These Daleks are also distinguished from other Daleks by their black domes.



THE GENESIS ARK

Daleks take no prisoners unless they need them as slaves or for experimentation or interrogation. But during the Great Time War the Time Lords took many Daleks prisoner. Faced with the problem of what to do with these prisoners of war, the Time Lords locked them all in a huge prison, the Genesis Ark. The Time Lords know how to fit enormous spaces into tiny containers, just like the Doctor's TARDIS, which is so much bigger inside than on the outside. In the same way, the huge prison complex was all contained inside a large casket.

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1. HOW MANY DALEKS CAN A DALEK SAUCER CARRY?

- A. 20
- B. 200
- C. 2,000

2. WHICH DALEK SAUCER CARRIES THE EMPEROR DALEK?

- A. The Dalek Flagship
- B. The Primary Saucer
- C. The one at the back on the left

3. WHAT DO THE EMPEROR'S GUARDS HAVE INSTEAD OF A SUCKER ARM?

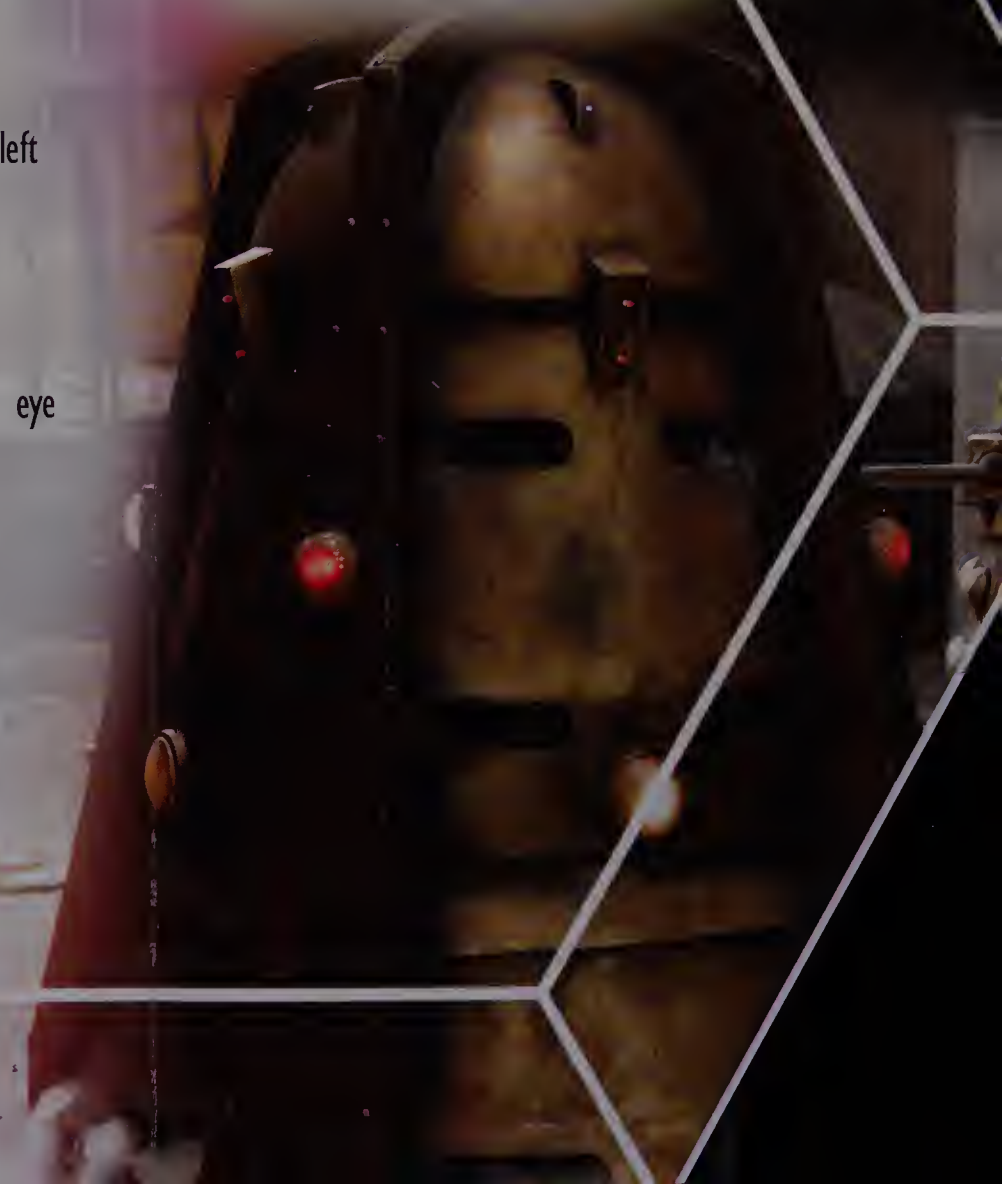
- A. A second, even more powerful eye
- B. A second, even more powerful weapon
- C. A cutting tool

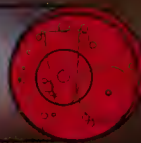
4. WHO CREATED THE GENESIS ARK?

- A. The Time Lords
- B. The Daleks
- C. The Mighty Jagrafess

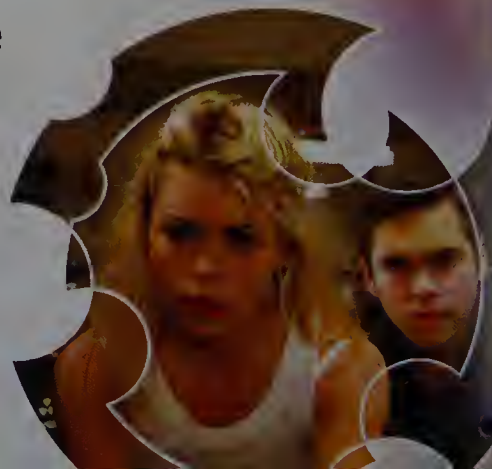
5. WHAT WAS THE GENESIS ARK ORIGINALLY BUILT FOR?

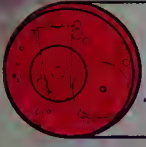
- A. To hold two of every species of life on Earth
- B. It was a prison
- C. To travel through the voids between universes





Apart from the Emperor's spaceship, and the Cult of Skaro, all the Daleks were destroyed in the Great Time War. Or so it seemed. In fact, one Dalek escaped — damaged and dying, it crashed through time and space to Earth. No one knew what it was, and eventually it was bought by Henry Van Statten, an incredibly rich collector. He kept it chained down in a cell and tried to learn its secrets. But when the Doctor and Rose arrived, the Dalek used energy from Rose to escape — energy she gained from her time travelling. It exterminated Van Statten's guards and repaired itself. But along with the energy it took from Rose it got something else. It got some of Rose's own personality and feelings. It began to question whether it should be killing all the time and who it really was...





When the Doctor, Rose and Captain Jack were taken from the TARDIS and brought to the Game Station they didn't know the Daleks were waiting nearby, ready to invade. On the Game Station, the Doctor and his friends managed to escape being killed in deadly television shows. But Rose was transported through space to a Dalek ship. When the Doctor and Jack went to rescue her, they discovered that the Dalek Emperor had survived the Time War and created a new Dalek army ready to destroy Earth. There was a tremendous battle and the Doctor sent Rose home to her own time to keep her safe. But she managed to get back to him, and brought with her the terrible power of the Time Vortex, which she used to destroy the Daleks.

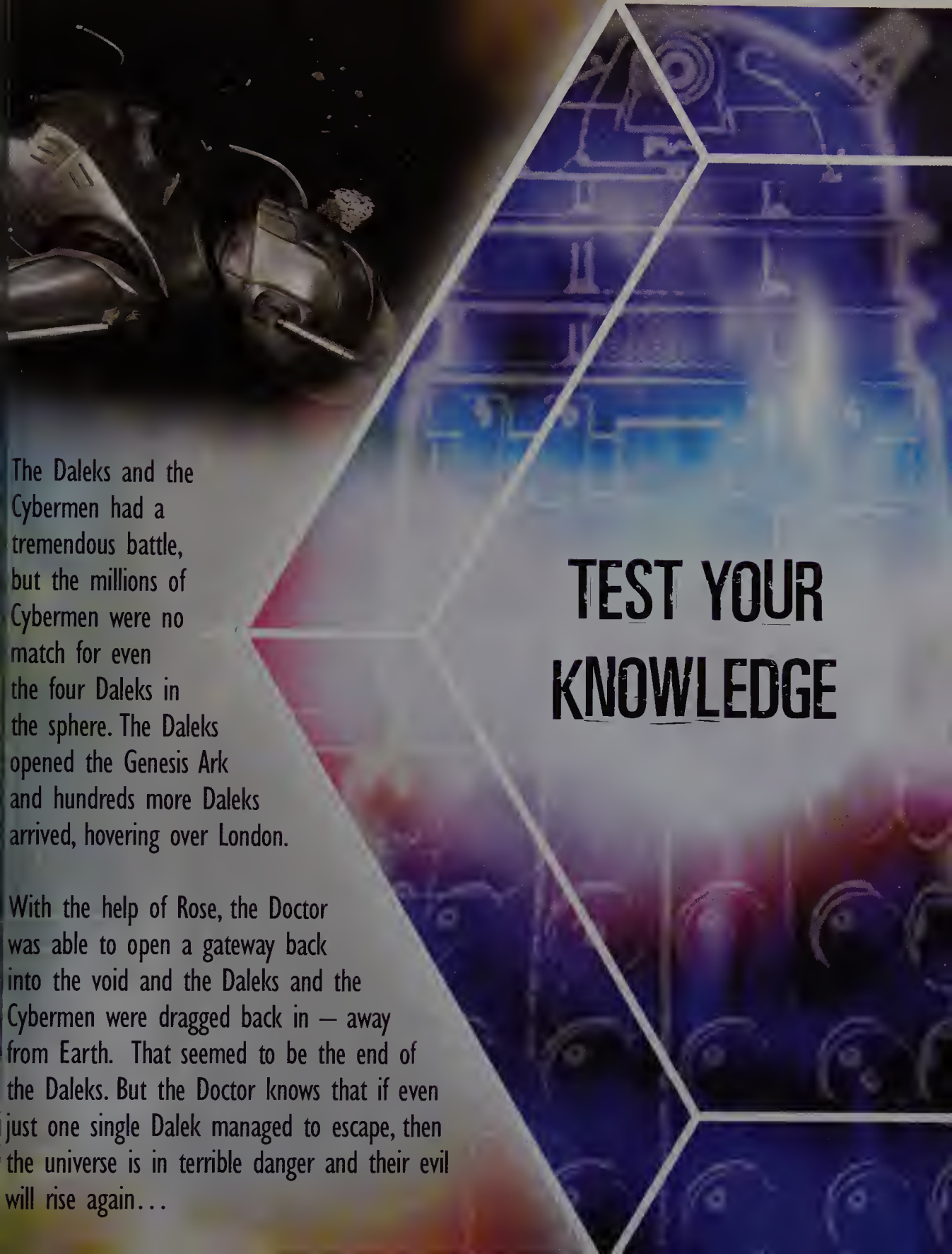




The Doctor and Rose thought that Earth was being invaded by the Cybermen coming through from a parallel world. Millions of Cybermen appeared on earth — first as ghosts, then they became solid and real. They started to take over and convert people into more Cybermen. They were able to come through from the other world by following in the wake of a strange sphere which everyone thought must be a Cyberman ship. But they were wrong — it was the *Dalek*!



The Cult of Skaro had survived the Great Time War by hiding in the void between universes, and now they were back. They brought with them the Genesis Ark, which they had stolen from the Time Lords. It looked just like a large casket, but like the TARDIS it was much bigger inside — and was hiding a whole army of Daleks.



The Daleks and the Cybermen had a tremendous battle, but the millions of Cybermen were no match for even the four Daleks in the sphere. The Daleks opened the Genesis Ark and hundreds more Daleks arrived, hovering over London.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

With the help of Rose, the Doctor was able to open a gateway back into the void and the Daleks and the Cybermen were dragged back in — away from Earth. That seemed to be the end of the Daleks. But the Doctor knows that if even just one single Dalek managed to escape, then the universe is in terrible danger and their evil will rise again...



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1. WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE COLLECTOR WHO KEPT A DALEK CHAINED IN A CELL?

- A. Van de Graaf
- B. Henry Van Statten
- C. Harold Van Driver

2. WHO DID THE DALEK GET ENERGY FROM TO ESCAPE?

- A. Captain Jack
- B. The Doctor
- C. Rose

3. WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE SPACE STATION THE DOCTOR WAS TAKEN TO BEFORE HE DISCOVERED THE EMPEROR DALEK HAD SURVIVED?

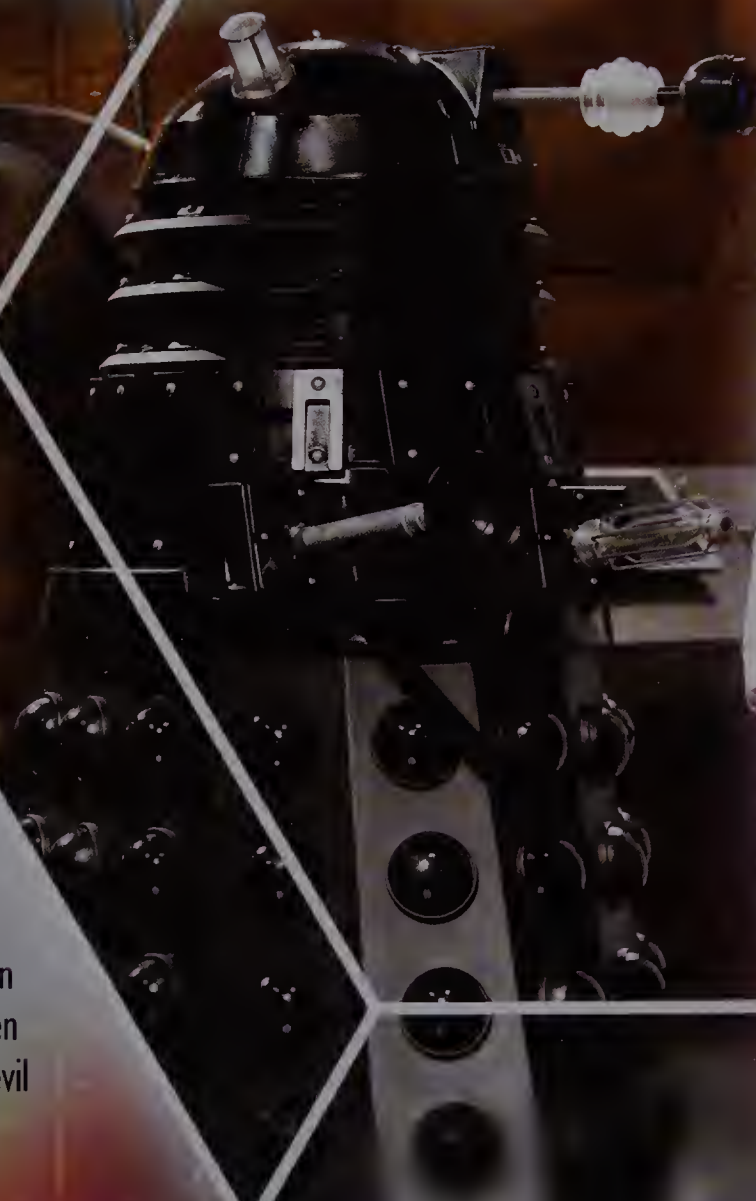
- A. The Game Station
- B. Platform One
- C. SkyLab Seven

4. WHAT DID PEOPLE THINK WAS INSIDE THE SPHERE THAT CAME FROM THE VOID BETWEEN UNIVERSES?

- A. A parallel world
- B. The Moxx of Balhoon
- C. Cybermen

5. WHAT WAS REALLY INSIDE THE SPHERE?

- A. Cybermen
- B. Nothing at all
- C. Daleks





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Dalek Allies

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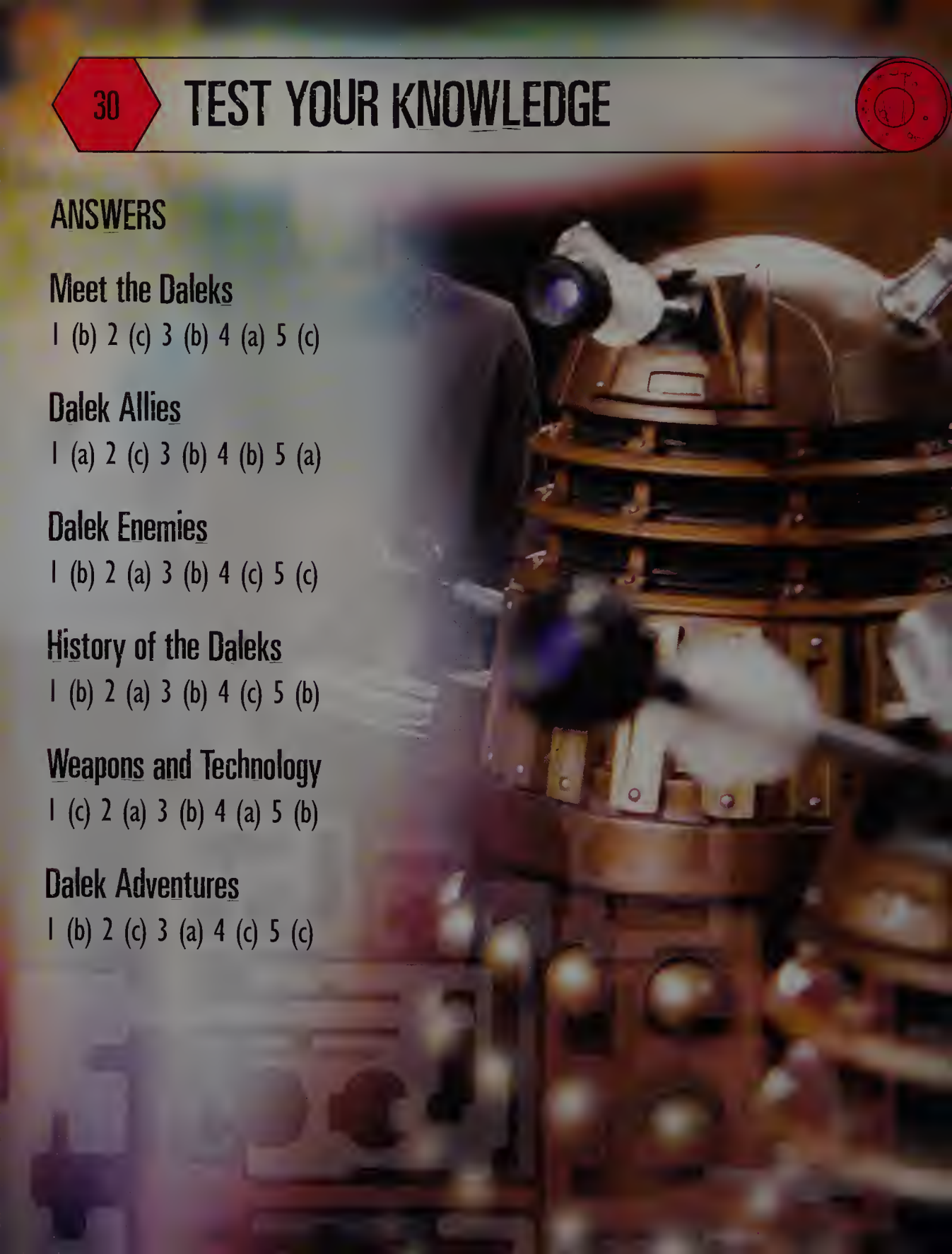
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Dalek saucer X-K Beta-19 came out of hyperdrive and hung silent and majestic at the edge of a solar system. It began to scan the planets that circled the blood-red sun. The ship carried a taskforce of 200 Daleks, and their mission was to find new sources of material and fuel to keep the enormous Dalek Empire supplied.

A constant stream of freight ships carried resources plundered from worlds the Daleks had conquered. As the Empire continued to expand, so the need for supplies grew ever greater and Dalek task forces ventured further and further into neutral and hostile space in search of planets to ransack. In the centuries before the Great Time War, nothing could stop the Daleks...

The Dalek Saucer Commander glided into the main

control room. Its eyestalk swept over the main bank of controls, its head swivelling to observe the other Daleks at their tasks.

‘Report,’ the Commander grated, and another Dalek swung round to reply.

‘Scanning local planetary system for ores and minerals.’

Another Dalek turned its head. Its dome lights flashed as it spoke: ‘Third planet in system has high concentration of Radio-Activan in its core. This can be energised and converted to fuel.’

‘Star charts indicate that the planet is designated Galacton,’ another Dalek reported.

The Commander glided round the control room, checking read-outs and data as it went. ‘We will drill into the core and energise it to provide a fuel source for

the Dalek Seventh Fleet,' it decided.

'Sensors indicate there may be life on the planet.'

The Commander turned quickly to address the Dalek that had spoken. 'Only one form of life matters. Dalek life. All other life forms will be exterminated. Prepare to land on planet Galacton.'

The quiet calm of a sunny day on Galacton was shattered by the loud roar of the Dalek saucer's engines as it lowered itself slowly into a clearing in the dense jungle. Wind from the rocket exhausts blew across the area, making vegetation sway and bend. It looked as if even the trees were trying to back away and hide as a long ramp extended from the side of the saucer and the first Daleks glided out.

'Locate possible drilling sites,' the Dalek Section Leader ordered. 'Bore holes will be sunk

towards the core of the planet so we can energise the fuel source it contains.'

'We obey.'

An army of Daleks began to fan out through the jungle. They did not use paths or search for easy ways through the vegetation. They cleared their way with their guns – blasting through.

In the deep caves and caverns below the jungle, the silence was disturbed by the Dalek ship landing. Soon afterwards the caverns shook again as the Daleks sent robot drills deep into the crust of the planet.

Something huge and dark heaved itself out of the wall of a cavern and turned its fiery red eyes towards the surface...

The Dalek Section Leader responsible for locating suitable drilling sites entered the saucer's main control

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room and reported to the Dalek Commander.

‘Seven sites have been located. Robot drills have penetrated to a depth of over one mile below planet surface.’

‘Satisfactory,’ the Dalek Commander pronounced. ‘Recall all Daleks not directly involved in drilling. Prepare enrichment energiser capsules to be inserted into drill holes once complete.’

‘I obey.’

A Dalek on the other side of the vast control room swivelled round. ‘Two Daleks have not responded to the recall instruction. Automatic distress transmission received from one Dalek. Then silence.’

The Commander’s response was immediate: ‘Despatch Attack Squad Delta to investigate.’

A hatch near the top of the saucer slid open and

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three Daleks emerged. They hovered for a moment in the air beside the saucer, then with a pale blue glow from their anti-gravity systems, swooped down over the jungle.

‘Approaching location of distress signal,’ the lead Dalek reported as they lowered themselves into a small clearing close to one of the drill sites. ‘Seek and locate missing Dalek unit.’

Before long, a patrolling Dalek had found one of the missing ones. All three of them clustered round it to survey the scene. The Dalek was close to the enormous hole where one of the drills had burrowed deep into the ground. It was lying on its side, the casing ripped open and torn apart. Bits of the Dalek’s internal systems were scattered across the jungle, and the Dalek Creature itself was obviously dead.

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‘Proceed to next search location,’ the leader ordered.
‘I will inform Control.’

‘Caution!’ One of the other Daleks warned.
‘Evidence suggests we are threatened by a hostile life form.’ Its dome turned as it surveyed the area.

But even as it was speaking, there was a rumble from the ground beneath the Daleks. All around were piles of debris from the drilling – earth and rock and stones. What had looked like a pile of rubble was rising up, unfolding itself. Fiery red eyes stared out from the rock. Craggy arms reached for the nearest Dalek and smashed into its casing, crushing the Dalek’s dome and shattering one of its lights.

‘Alert – alert – alert – under attack!’ the Dalek squawked.

The two other Daleks spun round, guns blazing.

‘Exterminate!’

The rock creature glowed dull red, but still it smashed at the distressed Dalek, ripping into it.

‘Retreat,’ ordered the Dalek Leader. ‘Retreat, retreat.’ The two surviving Daleks backed away, still firing. The power of their blasts seemed to stop the rock creature from coming after them. But more of the rock creatures were rising from the piles of earth and debris brought up by the drill. The Daleks continued to fire, twisting and turning to keep the creatures back. But they were slowly closing in.

‘Abandoning area,’ the Dalek Leader screeched as it rose into the air. A rocky arm thrashed past it, narrowly missing.

The second Dalek started to rise as well. But it was too slow and one of the enormous rock creatures

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swatted at it. The heavy stone fist thumped into the Dalek, sending it spinning out of control. It crashed into a mound of earth, eyestalk snapping off.

‘Vision impaired,’ the wounded Dalek screamed. ‘I cannot see!’ A moment later the voice cut out as another rock creature tore into the Dalek’s battered casing.

The surviving Dalek swooped down low over the jungle, firing a concentrated burst of energy from its gun to try to destroy the creature ripping into the dying Dalek. But it did no good. And the Dalek had come down too low – now it was within reach of the other rock creatures.

A heavy arm flashed past the Dalek’s eye. Another caught the edge of its base and sent it tumbling. Out of control, the Dalek fell to the ground. It skidded

ded across the jungle clearing, and came to rest on its side at the edge of the wide hole left by the drill. For a moment it teetered on the brink, then it toppled over, falling into the deep, dark depths below with an electronic cry.

The main control room of the Dalek Saucer was filled with Daleks. They glided from task to task, checking, adjusting, and reporting. A huge scanner screen showed a replay of what the Dalek Attack Squad Leader had seen before it fell into the drill hole.

‘Our firepower is ineffective against these creatures,’ a Dalek observed.

‘Contact with Squad Leader has been lost,’ a second Dalek said.

‘Attack Squad Delta has been completely destroyed,’ another Dalek reported. Its voice rose in pitch as it

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continued: 'Hostile creatures now approaching ship. This vessel is endangered.'

The Dalek Commander turned slowly in a full circle, gathering data and assessing the situation. 'We will be unable to energise the planet's core. All Daleks to abandon drill sites and return to ship. We are evacuating.'

'Analysis of planet's core now available from robot drills,' a Dalek said. 'A concentrated burst of energy would enrich the material and provide a fuel source.'

'Advise Supreme Command that we are unable to deploy enrichment capsules and are returning to planetary orbit to assess alternative strategies,' the Commander ordered.

'I obey.'

On one of the view screens, the Commander could

see several of the huge rock monsters lumbering into the clearing where the ship had landed.

The Commander turned to address the assembled Daleks. 'We have not been defeated,' it said defiantly. 'The Daleks are never defeated. Superior Dalek technology and intelligence will triumph.'

With a deafening roar, the Dalek saucer lifted slowly from the ground. Its massive stabilising legs withdrew as it gathered speed, rising into the air.

The tremendous blast from its space engines shattered several of the rock creatures below, hurling chunks of debris across the jungle. The others stood and watched as the ship disappeared into the sky.

In the darkness of the drill shaft, something stirred. A faint glow of blue light. Systems that had shut down as the Dalek Attack Squad Leader plummeted into the

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depths of the shaft came back online. The blue glow of the Dalek's eye moved as it looked round and took stock of its surroundings.

It had landed upright, on a shelf of rock far down the shaft. Its systems were badly damaged, its casing scuffed and dented. It was trapped miles below the ground, deep in a hole that ran almost to the molten core of the planet. There was no way the Dalek could ever escape, but despair was not a word in its vocabulary. Its thoughts were only for victory and the completion of the Dalek mission to Galacton.

'The planet's core will be energised,' the Dalek said. Its grating voice echoed in the darkness. 'The hostile creatures will be exterminated and the Dalek mission will be accomplished.'

There was another light now – a red glow as the

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Dalek's gun powered up. A brilliant beam of energy blasted downwards into the very heart of Galacton. The bottom of the shaft melted and gave way, allowing the blast to penetrate right into the core of the planet. Molten rock surged upwards as the energy released a huge volcanic eruption.

'Exterminate! I die, but the Daleks will reign supreme!'

The Dalek Commander watched without comment. The huge scanner screen in the main control room showed the eruptions as the planet was torn apart.

'Energy wave released,' a Dalek reported. 'Planet's core has been energised.'

'Data suggests use of Dalek weaponry deep within the planet. Weapon signature matches leader of Attack Force Delta.'

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‘Prepare to take on fuel from new source,’ the Commander ordered. ‘Planet Galacton has been destroyed. Hostile alien life form has been exterminated. Inform Dalek Seventh Fleet that fuel is now available for the Dalek conquest of all planets in this sector.’

The Dalek Commander turned to face the other Daleks. Its dome was framed by the fiery explosions that blasted across the screen behind it. ‘The Daleks are victorious. The Daleks will rule for all eternity. Daleks conquer and destroy!’

And all the other Daleks in the control room took up the war cry: ‘Daleks conquer and destroy. Daleks conquer and destroy! DALEKS CONQUER AND DESTROY!!’

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